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Commissioner of Indiana Department of Labor Honors Fort Wayne's OmniSource Again with Safety Award

Indianapolis, IN December 19, 2006 – Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) Commissioner Lori A. Torres is proud to announce that OmniSource Corporation of Fort Wayne, IN has achieved Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star status.

VPP, Indiana's Voluntary Protection Program was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. All companies, regardless of size or business, can participate in VPP - where Management and employees work together to create and maintain a healthy working environment. OmniSource is the first in the nation to enter into VPP from their industry SIC/NAICS code.

The awarding ceremony, at OmniSource Corporation Plant 2 Ferrous Division in Fort Wayne, IN, gives the chance for company employees and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media and local elected officials. Commissioner Torres herself explains her goal in implementing this program: "As the Commissioner of Labor, I am committed to the growth and expansion of this program in Fort Wayne and throughout the state."

OmniSource, with 85 full time regular employees in the Fort Wayne plant and 2000 corporate wide, is the largest scrap recycler in North America. The company produces approximately 6 million tons of ferrous and 700 million pounds of non-ferrous scrap annually in facilities operated in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Illinois. The OmniSource Plant 2 Ferrous Division recycles scrap ferrous metals including steel, iron, and cast metals coming from scrap products from building frames and automobile bodies to metal siding and recycled appliances.

They are proactive in their training needs. Many of their required safety and training programs are offered in both English and Spanish. OmniSource employs a full-time Spanish interpreter as well as on-site bilingual employees who are available to assist in training and translation as needed. "OmniSource has proven once again they are the premier example in the Fort Wayne area of management and workers committed to workplace safety. They have achieved and surpassed the requirements of the program."

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Quin Cheatham at 317.232.2683.

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